



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Todd Siegel et al. **Atty. Docket No.** 084016.00002
Serial No.: 09/ 539,834 **Group Art Unit:** 3721
Filed: March 31, 2000 **Examiner:** Sameh Tawfik
Invention: "AUTOMATED SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT PACKAGING MACHINE "

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AMENDMENT B

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated December. 12, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to June 12, 2002. Applicants have also included a check in the amount of \$460.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

7. A method of filling solid pharmaceutical product packaging comprising the

steps of:

automatically selectively dispensing one or more solid pharmaceutical products from
a plurality of different drug sources into a common funnel and effecting
relative motion between the funnel and plurality of product package
cavities to selectively place one or more solid pharmaceutical products from

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